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10 die in North Texas storm; woman lost in flood waters

Associated Press

DALLAS — A springtime outburst of violent weather that claimed 10 lives battered parts of Texas again Monday as rescuers continued a search for a woman lost in flood waters.

Eight of the weekend storm victims drowned, and rising waters continued to threaten much of North Texas Monday.

"It's not getting any better," said Dave Martin, a forecaster in the National Weather Service Fort Worth office. "There is the potential for more severe weather this afternoon and evening in North Texas."

A flash flood warning was posted Monday morning for Hunt County, northeast of Dallas, and flood watches were in effect for much of North Texas.

A severe weather storm spotter reported a tornado on the ground 5 miles south of Valera at 1:35 a.m. Monday, moving east at 15 to 20 mph. About an hour later, National Weather Service radar tracked a tornado at the Brown-Coleman county line near Trickham. No injuries or damage were reported.

Meanwhile, the search for Barbara Blair, 42, of Dallas, continued Monday with all available police and fire personnel, said Duncanville police spokeswoman Sue Thompson.

"We're hoping that now that the

creek is down, we'll be able to find her," Thompson said.

Blair was swept away in a flash flood Sunday morning. Police found the bodies of her husband, William Blair III, 41, and their two children, Ebony, 14, and William, 7, near the creek banks Sunday.

Authorities said they drowned after their car was washed off the road.

The Blairs were last seen leaving a relative's home in Duncanville between 4 and 5 a.m. Sunday, authorities said. Their empty car was found in the creek bed shortly before 8 a.m.

The violent spring weather also claimed the lives of a Shep woman, 81; three people in Rockwall, including the fire chief; a deputy sheriff in Ozona; a man in Johnson County and an Irving teen-ager.

In Crockett County, Chief Deputy Wayne Wahl Jr., 38, drowned at about 12:30 a.m. Sunday when he was swept into a culvert by flood waters, Sheriff Billy Mills said.

Mills said Wahl was trying to reach a car stranded on Texas Highway 163 near Ozona. The driver of the car, Delbert James Allen, was listed in serious condition at Crockett County Hospital, where he was being treated for shock and exposure.

Mills said rescuers tried un-

successfully to pull Wahl to safety with a rope tied around his waist. They then cut the rope, hoping Wahl would be able to swim to safety on the other side of a culvert, Mills said. Wahl was swept away and his body was found about 100 yards downstream.

Emma Talley of Shep died when a twister lifted her frame house off its foundations and hurled it more than 100 yards into a field Sunday night, Taylor County sheriff's officers said.

Her body was found in the wreckage. Her husband Alva Talley, 83, was admitted to Ballinger Memorial Hospital with cuts and abrasions, sheriff's Deputy Ricardo Campos said.

Kevin Linch, a geological consultant, said the crew of a nearby oil rig saw the twister form in a field. Linch tried unsuccessfully to flee the tornado in his truck.

In Rockwall, Fire Chief Benny Gracey, 32, who drowned Saturday night trying to rescue four people trapped in a car swept away by floodwaters, was remembered by his friends as a valiant man.

"If you could have given him a chance to pick how he'd die, he'd do it like that — helping people," said former Rockwall County Deputy Sheriff Jerry Archer.

Coalition supports bill to clean waste

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texans must support a strong superfund bill in Congress if the state ever cleans up its 1,112 documented hazardous waste sites, leaders of a coalition of 30 environmental and consumer organizations said Monday.

Texas also needs to spend some money itself to get the cleanup under way, Ken Kramer, representing the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, told a Capitol news conference.

"Texas often has the image of being provincial, but Texans cannot ignore the need to support reauthorization of the federal superfund," Kramer said. "We can do our share in achieving the clean up of hazardous waste sites, but we need federal funds to complete the job even here in our own state."

Kramer said the coalition endorses a strong bill by U.S. Rep. Gerry Sikorski of Minnesota that

would provide additional funds for the Environmental Protection Agency to clean up toxic waste sites. The current superfund bill expires later this year.

"The petrochemical industry in Texas wants a weak, do-nothing superfund bill," said Cyrus Mehri, representing Public Citizen, a consumer organization. "The manufacturers of hazardous waste want to reap the profits of their poisons, but do not want to be held accountable for the dangerous wastes they leave behind."

Mehri, of Washington, said U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bensen, D-Texas, voted March 1 for a Senate superfund bill that Mehri said was inadequately funded and had no mandatory schedules or standards for cleanup.

Kramer stressed that even if the superfund is reauthorized, Texas must provide about 10 percent matching state money plus provide money for a state clean-up fund.

Senate group OKs bill for retired teachers

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A Senate committee Monday approved a bill that would set up a health insurance program for retired teachers.

Sponsor Ed Howard said the proposal had been hailed as the most significant contribution to the teacher retirement system in the last 50 years.

Howard, D-Texas, said the program would be funded by the state and by active teachers at no cost to the retired teacher for basic coverage.

Health insurance would be available beginning Sept. 1, 1986. There would be a deductible of \$2,000 or

\$5,000, but participants would have the option of paying into the program to reduce the deductible to \$200.

The first-year contribution of teachers would be \$17.8 million, and the state would join in the second year of the biennium, paying \$26.4 million.

Eventually, the state would contribute 0.5 percent of a teacher's salary into the program, and the teacher would contribute 0.25 percent so the ratio would be 2-to-1.

The bill is viewed as a compromise with the state limiting its share of contributions to the Employees Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement System.

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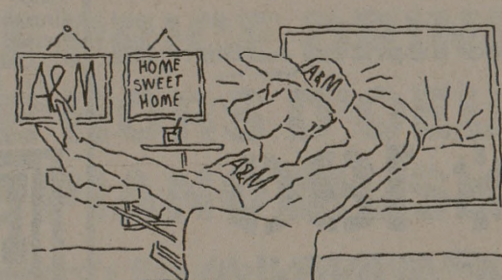
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